

thing- else where I was capable of thinking- for myself. Such an addiction is the last degradation of a free and moral agent. If I could not go to heaven but with a party, I would not go there at all. (To Francis Hopkinson, 1789. F. V., 76.)

PARTY LOYALTY.—As far as my good will may go, for I can no longer act, I shall adhere to my government, executive and legislative, and, as long as they are Republican, I shall go with their measures, whether I think them right or wrong; because I know they are honest, and are wiser and better informed than I am. In doing this, however, I shall not give up the friendship of those who differ from me, and who\* have equal rights with myself *to* shape their own course. (To<sup>1</sup> William Duane, 1811. C V., 592.)

PARTY SPIRIT.—You and I have formerly seen warm debates and high political passions. But gentlemen of different politics would then speak to< each other and separate the business of the Senate from that of society. It is not so now. Men who have been intimate all their lives cross the streets to avoid meeting and turn their heads another way lest they should be obliged to touch their hats. This may do for young men with whom passion is enjoyment, but it is afflicting to peaceable minds. Tranquillity is the old man's milk. I go to\* enjoy it in a few days, and to exchange the roar and tumult of bulls and bears for the prattle of my grandchildren and senile rest. (To Edward Rutledge, 1797. F. VII., 155.)

PATENTS.—Certainly an inventor ought to be allowed a right to the benefit of his invention for some certain time. It is equally certain it ought not to be perpetual; for to embarrass society with monopolies for every utensil existing, and in all the details of life, would be more injurious to them than had the supposed inventors never existed; because the natural understanding of its members would have suggested the same things or others as good. How long the term should be is the difficult question. Our legislators have copied the English estimate of the term, perhaps without sufficiently considering-how much longer, in a country so much more sparsely settled, it takes for an invention to become known, and used to art